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	A. REGISTR	ANT IDENTIFIC	CATION	
NAME OF BROKER-DEALER:	Rapto	r Partners LLC	,	OFFICIAL USE ONLY
ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL PLACE	OF BUSINESS	(Do not use P.O. B	ox No.)	FIRM I.D. NO.
One No	rth Shore Ce	enter, 12 Feder	ral Street, 2nd F	loor
		(No. and Street)		
Pittsburgh		PA		15212
(City)		(State)		(Zip Code)
NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMB		TO CONTACT IN I	REGARD TO THIS RI	EPORT (412) 281-1101
				(Area Code - Telephone Number)
	B. ACCOUNT	TANT IDENTIFI	CATION	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNT	NTANT whose o	pinion is contained i	n this Report*	
	L	ally & Co., LL0		
	(Name –	if individual, state last, j	first, middle name)	
5700 Corporate Drive	Suite 800	Pittsburg	gh PA	15237
(Address)	((City)	(State)	(Zip Code)
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Public Accountant				
Accountant not reside	ent in United Stat	es or any of its posse	essions.	
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OATH OR AFFIRMATION

Craig A. Wolfanger		, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of	
ny knowledge and belief the accompanying financial's Raptor Partners LLC	tatement and	supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of . as	
	. 20 18	, are true and correct. I further swear (or affirm) that	
either the company nor any partner, proprietor, princi lassified solely as that of a customer, except as follow	pal officer of		
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^{**}For conditions of confidential treatment of certain portions of this filing, see section 240.17a-5(e)(3).

RAPTOR PARTNERS LLC STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION DECEMBER 31, 2018

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Member of Raptor Partners LLC Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Opinion on the Financial Statement

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of Raptor Partners LLC ("Company"), as of December 31, 2018, and the related notes and schedules (collectively referred to as the "financial statement"). In our opinion, the financial statement presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company as of December 31, 2018, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

Basis for Opinion

This financial statement is the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Company's financial statement based on our audit. We are a public accounting firm registered with the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board ("PCAOB") and are required to be independent with respect to the Company in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement is free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud. Our audit includes performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statement, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures that respond to those risks. Such procedures included examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement. Our audit also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statement. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

We have served as the Company's auditor since 2006.

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania February 26, 2019

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RAPTOR PARTNERS LLC STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION DECEMBER 31, 2018

ASSETS

Cash and Cash Equivalents Accounts Receivable From Contracts with Customers Prepaid Expenses and Other Assets Securities Owned - Not Readily Marketable Property and Equipment - At Cost, Less Accumulated Depreciation	\$ 811,772 87,327 35,566 50,000
of \$200,972	77,937
Total Assets	\$ 1,062,602
LIABILITIES AND MEMBER'S EQUITY Liabilities	
Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses	\$ 29,017
Deferred Revenue From Contracts with Customers	\$ 39,543
Total Liabilities	\$ 68,560
Member's Equity	994,042
Total Liabilities and Member's Equity	\$ 1,062,602

RAPTOR PARTNERS LLC NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT

1 - ORGANIZATION

Raptor Partners LLC was organized in 2006, as a limited liability company, under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and is headquartered in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. As a limited liability company, a member is not liable for obligations of the Company.

The Company began operations in 2007 and is registered as a broker-dealer with the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority ("FINRA") in order to provide advisory services on mergers, acquisitions, capital structure, and private financing.

The Company does not carry securities accounts for customers or perform custodial functions relating to customer securities. As such, the Company operates under the (k)(2)(i) exemptive provisions of the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") Rule 15c3-3.

2 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Presentation

The financial statement of the Company is presented on the accrual basis of accounting and is prepared in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP") as promulgated by the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC").

Use of Estimates

The Company uses estimates and assumptions in preparing the financial statement in accordance with GAAP. Those estimates and assumptions may affect the reported amount of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities, and the reported revenue and expenses. Actual results could vary from the estimates that were used.

Securities Transactions

Proprietary securities transactions in regular way trades are recorded on the trade date basis. Profit and loss arising from all securities transactions entered into for the account and risk of the Company are recorded on a trade date basis.

Securities are recorded at fair value in accordance with FASB ASC 820, Fair Value Measurement.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Company maintains balances on deposit with banks in southwestern Pennsylvania. The accounts maintained at the bank are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC"). At certain times during the year, the Company's cash balance may exceed those limits. The Company has not experienced any losses associated with these accounts.

2 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Accounts Receivable

The Company extends credit to its customers and generally does not require collateral. In the opinion of management, all receivables are fully collectible, and therefore no allowance for doubtful accounts is required as of December 31, 2018.

Property and Equipment

The Company's policy is to record property and equipment at cost. Depreciation is recorded using both straight-line and accelerated methods over the estimated useful lives of the assets ranging from three to seven years. Maintenance and repairs are expensed as incurred. Replacements and betterments are capitalized and depreciated over the remaining estimated useful life of the asset.

Revenue Recognition

In May 2014, F ASB issued Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") No. 2014-09 which became ASC Topic 606, Revenue from Contracts with Customers. The core principle of Topic 606 is that an entity should recognize revenue to depict the transfer of services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration of which the entity expects to be entitled in exchange for those services. The Company began applying the new principle effective January 1, 2018.

The Company's most significant revenue categories are as follows for the year-ended December 31, 2018:

Advisory Fees- The Company provides financial advisory services on a daily basis. The Company believes the performance obligation for providing advisory services is satisfied over time because the customer is receiving and consuming the benefits as they are provided by the Company. Typically, fees are billed in advance under a retainer basis with additional billings as the services are provided in that period.

Merger and Acquisition Fees (M&A) - The Company provides M&A services from time-to-time. The Company believes the performance obligation for providing M&A services is satisfied upon successful consummation of the transaction. Fee arrangements are based on a percentage for the overall transaction.

Expense Reimbursements -At certain times the Company incurs expenses while providing the contracted service. The Company reports these transactions at gross thus recognizing revenues and expenses.

Income Taxes

The Company is a limited liability company and is not subject to income taxes. Accordingly, taxes are the responsibility of the member, and are calculated according to their individual income tax circumstances.

GAAP prescribes rules for the recognition, measurement, classification, and disclosure in the financial statement of uncertain tax positions taken or expected to be taken in the Company's tax return. Management has determined that the Company does not have any uncertain tax positions and associated unrecognized tax benefits that materially impact the financial statement or disclosures. Since tax matters are subject to some degree of uncertainty, there can be no assurance that the Company's tax returns will not be challenged by the taxing authorities and that the Company will not be subject to additional tax, penalties, and interest as a result

of such challenge. Generally, the Company's federal and state tax returns remain open for the income tax examination for three years from the date of filing.

Subsequent Events Evaluation

The accompanying financial statement includes an evaluation of events or transactions that have occurred after December 31, 2018 and through February 26, 2019, the date the financial statement was issued.

3 - FAIR VALUE

Fair Value Hierarchy

FASB ASC topic on Fair Value Measurements defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value, and establishes a fair value hierarchy which prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. A fair value measurement assumes that the transaction to sell the asset or transfer the liability occurs in the principal market for the asset or liability or, in the absence of a principal market, the most advantageous market. Valuation techniques that are consistent with the market, income or cost approach, as specified by the FASB ASC topic, are used to measure fair value.

3 - FAIR VALUE (CONTINUED)

The fair value hierarchy prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value into three broad levels:

- Level 1: inputs are quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities the company has the ability to access.
- Level 2: inputs are inputs (other than quoted prices included within Level 1) that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly.
- Level 3: are unobservable inputs for the asset or liability and rely on management's own assumptions about the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability. (The unobservable inputs should be developed based on the best information available in the circumstances and may include the Company's own data).

The availability of observable inputs can vary from security to security and is affected by a wide variety of factors, including, for example, the type of security, the liquidity of markets, and other characteristics particular to the security. To the extent that valuation is based on models or inputs that are less observable or unobservable in the market, the determination of fair value requires more judgment. Accordingly, the degree of judgment exercised in determining fair value is greatest for instruments categorized in level 3.

The inputs used to measure fair value may fall into different levels of the fair value hierarchy. In such cases, for disclosure purposes, the level in the fair value hierarchy within which the fair value measurement falls in its entirety is determined based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety.

Processes and Structure

Management is responsible for the Company's fair value valuation policies, processes, and procedures. These control processes are designed to assure that the values used for financial reporting are based on observable inputs wherever possible. In the event that observable inputs are not available, the control processes are designed to assure that the valuation approach utilized is appropriate and consistently applied and that the assumptions are reasonable.

Fair Value Measurements

Fair value is a market-based measure considered from the perspective of a market participant rather than an entity-specific measure. Therefore, even when market assumptions are not readily available, the Company's own assumptions are set to reflect those that the Company believes market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability at the measurement date.

A description of the valuation techniques applied to the Company's major categories of assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis follows.

There have been no changes in the methodologies used at December 31, 2018.

Equity securities are valued at management's estimate.

3 - FAIR VALUE (CONTINUED)

The following table summarizes the valuation of the assets by the fair value hierarchy as described above as of December 31, 2017:

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Equity Securities	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000

There were no transfers between Level 1 and Level 2 during the years.

The following is a reconciliation of the beginning and ending balances for assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis using significant unobservable inputs (Level 3) during the year ended December 31, 2017.

	Balance	Unrealized	Purchases	Balance
	January 1,	Gains	and	December 31,
	2018	(Losses)	Sales	2018
Equity Securities	\$ 50,000	\$	\$	\$ 50,000

4 - PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Property and equipment consisted of the following at December 31, 2018:

Vehicle	\$	86,047
Furniture and Fixtures		79,387
Office Equipment		106,875
Capitalized Website Costs		6,600
•		278,909
Accumulated Depreciation and Amortization		(200,972)
	\$	77,937

5 - EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS

The Company sponsors a SIMPLE IRA Plan benefiting substantially all employees, as defined. Employees are eligible to participate if they are expected to receive compensation in excess of a predetermined amount for the current year.

The Company also sponsors a cafeteria plan under Section 125 of the Internal Revenue Code. The plan provides health care benefits for full time employees. Pretax salary reductions from employees are contributed to the plan.

6 - LEASING ARRANGEMENTS

Voor Ending

The Company leases office space under a long-term agreement expiring in April, 2021. In addition, the Company leases office equipment under several short-term operating lease agreements. The Company's office lease agreement calls for a base rent plus a proportionate share of the property's taxes and operating costs. For the year ended December 31, 2018, rent expense under operating leases was \$78,550.

Minimum future rental payments under non-cancelable operating leases having remaining lease terms in excess of one year as of December 31, 2018, for each of the next three years and in total are:

December 31,	
2019	\$ 73,896
2020	75,292
2021	 25,252

\$ 174,440

7 - NET CAPITAL REQUIREMENTS

The Company, as a registered broker-dealer in securities, is subject to the net capital rule adopted by the Securities and Exchange Commission and administered by the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority. This rule requires that the Company's "aggregate indebtedness" not exceed fifteen times its "net capital," as defined. The Financial Industry Regulatory Authority may require a broker-dealer to reduce its business activity if the capital ratio should exceed 12 to 1 and may prohibit a broker-dealer from expanding business if the ratio exceeds 10 to 1. At December 31, 2018, the Company's net capital under the uniform net capital rule was approximately \$743,212 which exceeded the minimum capital requirements by approximately \$738,212. The Company's ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital at December 31, 2018 was .092 to 1.

8 - CONTINGENCIES

In the normal course of business, the Company is subject to proceedings, lawsuits, and other claims. However, in the opinion of management no claims presently exist, which after final disposition would have a resulting financial impact that would be material to the annual financial statement.

9 - SUBSEQUENT ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

FASB has issued ASU No.2016-02, *Lease* (Topic). The core principle of the new standard is that leases should recognize assets and liabilities arising from all leases with a term of 12 months or more. Nonpublic entities are required to adopt the new standard for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2018. Management is evaluating the impact of this new standard on its financial statements.

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RAPTOR PARTNERS LLC

REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES TO SIPC GENERAL ASSESSMENT RECONCILIATION DECEMBER 31, 2018



RAPTOR PARTNERS LLC REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES TO SIPC GENERAL ASSESSMENT RECONCILIATION DECEMBER 31, 2018

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

To the Member of Raptor Partners LLC Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

In accordance with Rule 17a-5(e)(4) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and with the SIPC Series 600 Rules, and related supplemental guidance, we have performed the procedures enumerated below, which were agreed to by Raptor Partners LLC and the Securities Investor Protection Corporation ("SIPC") with respect to the accompanying General Assessment Reconciliation (Form SIPC-7) of Raptor Partners LLC ("Company") for the year ended December 31, 2018, solely to assist you and SIPC in evaluating Raptor Partners LLC's compliance with the applicable instructions of the General Assessment Reconciliation (Form SIPC-7). Management is responsible for the Company's compliance with those requirements. This agreed-upon procedures engagement was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). The sufficiency of these procedures is solely the responsibility of those parties specified in this report. Consequently, we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures described below either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose. The procedures we performed and our findings are as follows:

- 1. Compared the listed assessment payments in Form SIPC-7 with respective cash disbursement records entries, noting no differences;
- 2. Compared the Total Revenue amount reported on the Annual Audited Report Form X-17A-5 Part III for the year ended December 31, 2018, with the Total Revenue amounts reported in Form SIPC-7 for the year ended December 31, 2018, noting no differences;
- 3. Compared any adjustments reported in Form SIPC-7 with supporting schedules and working papers (SIPC assessment analysis, 2018 interim financial statements, and Company's general ledger account analyses), noting no differences; and
- 4. Proved the arithmetical accuracy of the calculations reflected in Form SIPC-7 and in the related schedules and working papers (SIPC assessment analysis, 2018 interim financial statements, and Company's general ledger account analyses) supporting the adjustments, noting no differences.

We were not engaged to, and did not conduct an examination, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion on compliance with the applicable instructions of the Form SIPC-7. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the specified parties listed above and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

February 26, 2019

SCHEDULE I

GENERAL ASSESSMENT RECONCILIATION, FORM SIPC-7

SIPC-7

(36-REV 12/18)

SECURITIES INVESTOR PROTECTION CORPORATION P.O. Box 92185 Washington, D.C. 20090-2185 202-371-8300

General Assessment Reconciliation

SIPC-7 (36-REV 12/18)

For the liscal year ended 12/31/2018 (Read carefully the instructions in your Working Copy before completing this Form)

TO BE FILED BY ALL SIPC MEMBERS WITH FISCAL YEAR ENDINGS

1. Name of Member, address, Designated Examining Authority, 1934 Act regis purposes of the audit requirement of SEC Rule 17a-5:	Note: If any of the information shown on the		
8*8******1427******************************	mailing label requires correction, please e-mail any corrections to form@sipc.org and so indicate on the form filed.		
ATTN: CRAIG A WOLFANGER ONE NORTH SHORE CTR 12 FEDERAL ST STE 201 PITTSBURGH, PA 15212	Name and telephone number of person to contact respecting this form.		
	CRAIG A. WOLFANGER (412)281-1101		
2. A. General Assessment (item 2e from page 2)	\$ 1,082		
B. Less payment made with SIPC-6 filed (exclude interest)	(277)		
OCTOBER 31, 2018			
Date Paid C. Less prior overpayment applied	(-		
	805		
D. Assessment balance due or (overpayment)			
E. Interest computed on late payment (see instruction E) fordays a	8ለ5		
F. Total assessment balance and interest due (or overpayment carried fo	rward) \$		
G. PAYMENT: √ the box Check malled to P.O. Box ☑ Funds Wired ☐ ACH ☐ Total (must be same as Fabove) \$	805		
H. Overpayment carried forward \$(
3. Subsidiaries (S) and predecessors (P) included in this form (give name an	d 1934 Act regisfration number):		
The SIPC member submitting this form and the person by whom it is executed represent thereby	RAPTOR PARTNERS LLC		
that all information contained herein is true, correct and complete.	(Name of Corporation, Patinership at pthor organization)		
· ·	Craig A. Wolfange		
Dated the day of, 20	PRESIDENT		
This form and the assessment payment is due 60 days after the end of the for a period of not less than 6 years, the latest 2 years in an easily access.	(Tille) he fiscal year. Retain the Working Copy of this form essible place.		
Dates: Postmarked Received Reviewed Calculations Exceptions: Disposition of exceptions:			
Calculations Documentation	Forward Copy		
Exceptions:			

DETERMINATION OF "SIPC NET OPERATING REVENUES" AND GENERAL ASSESSMENT

Amounts for the fiscal period beginning 1/1/2018 and ending 12/31/2018

(to page 1, line 2.A.)

Eliminate cents Item No. 721,387 2a. Total revenue (FOCUS Line 12/Part IIA Line 9, Code 4030) (1) Total revenues from the securities business of subsidiaries (except foreign subsidiaries) and predecessors not included above. (2) Net loss from principal transactions in securities in trading accounts. (3) Net loss from principal transactions in commodities in trading accounts. (4) Interest and dividend expense deducted in determining item 2a. (5) Net loss from management of or participation in the underwriting or distribution of securities. (6) Expenses other than advertising, printing, registration tees and legal fees deducted in determining net profit from management of or participation in underwriting or distribution of securities. (7) Net loss from securities in investment accounts. Total additions 2c. Doductions: (1) Revenues from the distribution of shares of a registered open end investment company or unit investment trust, from the sale of variable annualies, from the business of insurance, from investment advisory services rendered to registered investment companies or insurance company separate accounts, and from transactions in security futures products. (2) Revenues from commodity transactions. (3) Commissions, floor brokerage and clearance paid to other SIPC members in connection with securities transactions. (4) Reimbursements for postage in connection with proxy solicitation. (5) Net gain from securities in investment accounts (6) 100% of commissions and markups earned from transactions in (i) certificates of deposit and (ii) Treasury bills, bankers acceptances or commercial paper that mature nine months or less from issuance date. (7) Direct expenses of printing advertising and legal fees incurred in connection with other revenue related to the securities business (revenue defined by Section 16(9)(L) of the Act). (8) Other revenue not related either directly or indirectly to the securities business. (See Instruction C): (Deductions in excess of \$100,000 require documentation) (9) (i) Total interest and dividend expense (FOCUS Line 22/PART IIA Line 13, Code 4075 plus line 2b(4) above) but not in excess of total interest and dividend income. (ii) 40% of margin interest earned on customers securities accounts (40% of FOCUS line 5, Code 3960) Enter the greater of line (i) or (ii) Total deductions 721,387 2d. SIPC Net Operating Revenues 1.082 2e. General Assessment @ .0015